

A sister sitting near me just now made the remark, "Don't mention my name in what you write." The thing necessary for our sister and for everybody else is to have her and their name "written in the book of life."

We are engaged in preaching "doctrinal" sermons now. We have thus far examined into Bible teachings on the subjects of faith, repentance and design of Christian baptism. Tonight the question will be, What is baptism? Tomorrow night, What is Christian baptism?

Sectarianism has about as fraudulent a boom in Kansas as real estate has. Deceptive efforts, on nearly all questions, have put on a bold front.

The Brethren church meets with considerable opposition here.

The people here seem anxious for the truth and we feel pleased with such a disposition.

Had not the Brethren church better assume "either a cold or hot" position on the College debt and missionary questions. Either pack them in the ice of eternal and disgraceful don't-careness, or boom them with the warmth of heavenly love and benevolence? Lukewarm men will eventually be spewed out of God's mouth.

In the next number of the EVANGELIST the reader will get a synopsis of the reasons we mean to give to this people for baptizing by the trine act in baptism. The opposition we meet with on that question seems to tend to establish us more and more that we are correct.

Somebody, (we expect the editor of the B. E.), kindly heeded our appeal and sent in quite a bundle of Brethren tracts. We are making good use of them. They are accepted with a relish that almost surprises us. The best thinkers seem to appreciate them the most. Let us raise a big tract fund. It is a cheap way to do missionary work. Will not our editor solicit, very earnestly, contribution to such a fund? Will not our deepest thinkers and best writers contribute thought and the polish of intelligence in writing tracts on different subjects peculiar to our people.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Miami Valley Items.

We are now comfortably fixed in our new home, N. E. Cor., of Williams and Holt Streets, where we will be glad to welcome our friends.

After our experience in moving during the last year, I have come to the conclusion I would make a poor itinerant, when this poor thing would happen periodically.

At our late appointment in Little York, I received several invitations from parties to visit them at their homes to talk over church matters. This is a good symptom.

One day last week I met our Bro. Kiehl in the vicinity of our new home, on a very good and interesting errand. He was in search of "progressives." At a late visit to Indiana, he was informed of a brother who had removed to Dayton. So he was hunting him up to invite him to their meetings and try to make him feel at home. This is a very essential, but very often a neglected duty of a pastor.

Bro. Ambrose Kiehl left last week for California, for his health.

On January 29th, we held our first day meeting in the Miamisburg district. This was the last time that we would be compelled to preach in the school houses of the vicinity.

The officials of the different school houses cannot be too highly commended for their kindness in permitting us to hold meetings during the last year.

Unless the weather is entirely too inclement to permit the people to come out, it has been decided to dedicate the new church on Sunday, February 12th. Every one is cordially invited to be with us. Brethren, don't be scared out if the day is a little gloomy. Let us give the few courageous brethren there all the encouragement we can.

Bro. P. J. Brown will preach the dedicatory sermon.

A protracted meeting will be commenced immediately after the dedication.

Bro. J. H. Worst has promised to be in the Valley to work with us, about the first of March.

What used to be known as the Lexington congregation have decided to dedicate their new church at West Alexandria on Sunday, Feb. 26th. The same cordial invitation is extended to all.

Unfortunately we had made an appointment at Mount Zion, Hocking Co., on the 25th and 26th, which clashes with the Lexington dedication. As we have been more than usually interested in the new church, and feel a nearness for the Brethren, after serving them over three years, I feel under obligations to be present. Therefore we hope that some arrangements will be made, by which the Mt. Zion brethren will not be disappointed.

In a talk with a Quaker friend the other day, he said that some other denominations often tried to convince him that he was wrong in repudiating baptism. They generally wound up their arguments, he said, by asking him, "When was baptism abolished?" This question was considered a silencer. But our friend said he always hurled the Dunkard doctrine at them, and retaliated by asking them, "when was feetwashing abolished? And why did they not observe that?" "This," continued the Quaker, "turned out to be the true silencer, and generally the discussion abruptly ended.

Is not our Bro. Wampler a little mistaken in his correction of last week? He says, "my manuscript said my fifty second birthday timed me fifty one years old (which is correct,) but the EVANGELIST makes me fifty two which is a mistake. The first year of my existence I had two birthdays, and one annually since, and so has every other person." Of course the paper should be corrected if it made him fifty two, when he was only fifty one. But his conclusions about the number of birthdays in a man's life is surely all wrong. A man has only one birthday, and that is the day when he enters the world. A great many we trust have realized another birthday, of a spiritual character. What our brother calls his second birthday in his first year, was only the anniversary of his birthday, and therefore in fifty-one years a man has but one birthday and fifty one anniversaries.

EDWARD MASON.

Maurertown, Va.

Our dedication is in the past, as our scribe, Bro. Copp, has reported the good news. We all feel much revived with the thought and realization that we now have a place where we can meet and worship our Lord and Master, where none dare hinder or molest. Before the day of dedication our doubts and fears would ebb and flow. A preacher, where is he? Who will come? Oh, how the local preacher began to quake with fear. Well we need not say more. The man beyond the Potomac came, and if he can draw the molar (he is a dentist) as he drew the people with the gospel forceps here at this place, he certainly will be a success in his secular as well as

his spiritual calling. And now as he has left us, we feel as though one of the family is missing. When is Spanogle coming back, is the cry from every one; and as we sit around the fireside, Pam and Mollie are discussing the matter as to the best time for another raid against the fort of sin by our Pennsylvania brother.

Where is our committee of instruction after the "Chautauqua plan?" When will they get out the doctrinal literature? How shall we proceed for information. The president is far away from the field of battle among the peaceful roses and variegated flowers of the Pacific coast. Come Mr. President, let us hear and know something about this matter. Wish we would have less dyspeptic preachers. Really, to inhale the sweet odor of the beautiful flowers of Los Angeles would doubtless act as a tonic for the writer, but our work and poverty says he must stay where there is freezing and thawing, mud and winds. But really this committee, why don't they give us some digestive matter. The little Philadelphia man has said several things, but nothing doctrinal. Come Bro. Jno. D. Try.

E. B. SHAVER.

Sweet Home, Ind.

We are in the midst of a protracted effort at this place now with good interest and very large crowds of people. The house is 30x50, and last night it was full to overflowing. The services are conducted by Bro. I. N. Miller, of Buchanan, Mich., who is our pastor now. We ask an interest in the prayers of the church at large.

F. H. FRAME.

Little Things.

A little grain of sand is a small thing but it stops your watch. A second of time is a little thing, but a second too late for the train and you are as bad left as if you are an hour late. A little speck in the shape of a period is a small thing, but it made me tell a powerful story in the last number of the EVANGELIST, in my "Thoughts on Anniversary." The printer doubtless did not see my little speck between the "6" and two "00" and made me say the balance in the church treasury was \$600 instead of \$6.00. I only wish it was true; but alas it was not.

Let us be careful, my dear friends of the little words, and the little acts: they may wreck a soul, while if carefully chosen they may save one.

E. E. ROBERTS.

Homer Items.

The church here is very much encouraged. We have just returned from holding a protracted effort on the northern frontier of this work. Had an excellent meeting. Splendid congregations and excellent interest. We closed with a full house amid general rejoicing of the people of God. As an immediate result of this meeting six made the good confession. Four of this number united with the Brethren church, and will be baptized in the very near future.

We are now in the midst of a series of meetings at home in our meeting house at Homer. The interest is very good. The members generally are alive to their duty and are enjoying the meet-

ing, while a few are a little indifferent, and are not working. And then here as elsewhere there are some that need another application of the saving grace of the Lord Jesus, having loved this present evil world, and gone back to its beggarly elements and are no better than they were. We trust that these meetings may be the means of reviving the dead branches so that all may bear fruit again. We are in perfect union. No discord in the work of the meeting and we are sure that good results will follow. As shepherd of the Homer flock we certainly have reason to feel proud of the sheep. They are so full of love and zeal for the cause; so willing to work, and so able to do work, that it is a joy and comfort to be their pastor. We have no prospect for many more additions to the church here at present, but we will still work and trust God for the future.

When we close our meetings we will write again.

H. S. JACOBS.

Galesburg, Kans.

Jan 31.—The little church of the Brethren at Maple Park is still alive. The good work is still moving along. On the evening of Jan. 11th, Bro. W. J. H. Bauman commenced a two weeks' meeting. Although the weather was very unfavorable, being cold and icy, so that those who lived a distance could not attend, yet we had a glorious good meeting. Two dear sisters came out on the Lord's side. Their faith was strong enough to lead them to the cold, icy water; the ice being cut they were buried with Christ in baptism, and arose to walk in newness of life. May God bless and keep them faithful, that other dear ones of the family may follow their good example. The meeting was a success, especially as we believe one soul is worth more than the whole world. Saturday evening, Jan. 28th, we had communion services. Bro. Hixson and Bro. Bauman were with us. We had a pleasant meeting and I feel much encouraged. Quite a number of our Baptist brethren and sisters were present, and some of the United Brethren remarked that those people obey the commands just as they are written in the Scriptures. I hope lasting impressions were made. The good resulting from this meeting time may tell. May the Lord bless his cause everywhere is my prayer.

MAY CLUM.

College Hill.

Last Lord's day, Bro. A. L. Garber preached a good sermon at the College on practical Christianity. Bro. J. L. Kimmel occupied the pulpit in the United Brethren church at 11 A. M., and Bro. Jno. A. Miller at 7 P. M.

From what we see, read and hear, the school is going on nicely. Teachers and scholars are all much interested.

Quite an interest is being taken in the Literary Societies, and much improvement is manifest.

A more well-behaved and gentlemanly set of young people we have never before met with than are those whom it has been our pleasure to serve and associate with at the Hall this winter. Hope it will continue so at least seven-teen weeks yet.

Would it not be well to start a roll of honor for the churches that respond to the dollar donation.

The chimes of some old bells exceed those of newer ones. Bro. Brown is the old bell, Bro. Cober the new, and the Lord's Supper the chimes they ring.

S. E. SNOOK.

OUR CHURCH.

The new Brethren church at Miamisburg, Ohio, will be dedicated on next Lord's Day.

C. A. Coler sends fifty dollars, dollar donations from the Farmersville church.

Church dedication at West Alexandria, Ohio, on the 26th.

Bro. Swihart gives the readers an outline of his work this week. He does not mean to be idle as a servant of the Lord.

Bro. W. C. Perry returned from his meeting at North Liberty last week, and spent a few days at home, and went back again last Lord's day.

Bro. Ira Slotter has returned from his visit and is again at his post in this office.

Eld. E. B. Wilson, of Eureka, Cal., writes that he has been sick for the last six months, but he is recovering now, which we are glad to know.

We sympathize with brother J. R. Deulinger, whose family was visited by death twice in the early part of the winter. He moved to Kansas from Dayton, Ohio, a year or more ago.

Bro. Nicholson writes that the good work is going on in Beatrice, Neb., and that a large church will be established there finally.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—I cannot express in words the gratitude I feel to those who are so kind as to send me the EVANGELIST. I can only pray that the Lord will bless them with his greatest blessings. There is no brethren preaching any where near here so the dear EVANGELIST is doubly dear. Hoping times will be better another year so I can perhaps repay the kindness in some way, I am yours, fraternally.

C. C. RANDOLPH.

Mumford, Kans., Feb. 1, 1888.

Bro. Kilhefner writes that meetings are well attended where he is preaching, near Brighton, Ind. He does not know when he will return to Ashland.

NOTICE TO AGENTS OF ASHLAND COLLEGE. Agents of Ashland College holding Conditional notes, due Jan. 1, 1888, will please collect them as soon as possible. All other obligations should also be attended to as they come due.

DAVID BAILEY, Auditor.

Monthly Statement of the Treasurer and Auditor of Ashland College, January, 1888.

RECEIPTS.

2. J. C. Cassel, Dol. Donation,	\$ 50.00
3. Henry Miller, Va.,	41.00
5. Dol. Donations Wm. Kiefer,	31.00
" " Mary Myers,	1.00
7. W. H. Herrington,	50.00
" B. Gochenour,	16.00
" H. H. Myers, Milledgeville, Illinois,	100.00
9. H. K. Myers, Old note,	680.00
" H. K. Myers, note,	500.00
14. H. G. Ullery,	77.67
" Davis, For Hay,	8.00
17. J. F. Stover, Old note,	595.00
26. Noah Coler, Old note,	107.00
31. Tuition during the month,	133.80

Total receipts, \$2388.47

EXPENDITURES.

1. Interest to H. K. Myers,	\$ 37.50
2. " " Gibson,	11.34
" Paid on Livelihood note,	200.00
7. Interest to Louisville Bank,	6.67
9. Cobel, Myers & Co., Bill,	1347.46
" Ashland Lumber Co.,	108.39
" Janitor,	15.00
13. J. M. McIlvaine, Ice,	1.04
14. Mrs. W. C. Perry,	50.00
18. Muriatic Acid,	.10
21. Delivery on Pump,	.10
23. Paid Michael Haas on note,	500.00

Total Expenditures, \$2277.60

Amount Overpaid, Jan. 1, 617.38

2894.98

Less Receipts, 2388.47

Amount overpaid Jan. 31, 506.51

When Webster was asked how he had acquired his clear, simple style of speaking, he said, "I have been leaving off words all my life."